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RE: Poudre River Site Restoration Warranty

Dear Sir and Madam,

As discussed during the September 18, 2009 Poudre River Site (the Site) Stakeholder's meeting, this letter is to document EPA's decision to release Xcel Energy and its contractors from the restoration requirements pursuant to the Administrative Order on Consent. Performance standards as set forth for the project were achieved at on the "Atzlan Center" side of the Poudre River but not the "Natural Areas" side, even after continued effort to reach these standards. It is our view that the performance measures defined for the restoration of the Site were not appropriate given the differing circumstances at each area; therefore we have determined that continued effort to meet these performances standards is unreasonable. We do hereby release you from these standards and end the restoration and warranty periods related to this project.

If you have additional questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 303-312-6688 or via email andrews.gina@epa.gov.

Sincerely.

Gina Andrews

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